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Lauban.

2. Prior to October 1950, Polish border guard troops controlling the Noisse River border and the Czechoslovakian border were stationed in Lauban (O 52/B 20). Many officers were billeted in the area of the former Seekplatz. Though having completed their term of military service, border guard troops were not discharged in the fall of 1950. Soviet officers from Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) occasionally came to Lauban for inspection. The UB (Security Police) office was in the former labor office on former Vorwerkstrasse, Lauban. *

Lubliniec.

3. A barracks installation consisting of two large multi-story buildings was located northwest of the Lubliniec (Q 51/T 31) railroad station. In the summer of 1948, the installation was occupied by Polish soldiers, allegedly artillerymen, who wore khaki uniforms.

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Bydgoszcz.

4. Prior to January 1951, Polish AAA troops were quartered in the Luftwaffen Kaserne on ul. Szubinska, near the airfield, and in the barracks installation on the west side of ul. Igo Maja, formerly ul. Gdanska, Bydgoszcz (P 54/J 09). The troops quartered in the latter installation were estimated to be at least a battalion.

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About 2,000 Polish infantry troops and an engineer school of about 150 troops were also in the barracks installation on ul. Igo Maja. The personnel of the engineer school practiced with pontoons. **

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Lublin.

5. Large barracks installations of four-story buildings, most of which were lightly stuccoed while some were still in the bare-brickwork stage, were located at the western edge of Lublin (S 52/R 18), astride the main road to Warszawa. The installations were almost completed by the Poles prior to World War II and made ready for use by the Germans. Prior to December 1949, horse-drawn artillery units with guns of about 105 mm, infantry units, and cavalry units were seen there.
6. Another barracks building, formerly occupied by Polish police, was located between apartment houses in the city center about 500 meters northwest of the city square.
7. Another square barracks installation enclosing a courtyard was located at the northern edge of the city, west of the old castle which is now used as a prison. It was occupied by unidentified units. During the German occupation this installation occasionally quartered an SS battalion.
8. The military post headquarters was located in a multi-story, detached, red brick building on the north side of the city square, in the city center. The military hospital was located in the eastern sector of the city, south of the cathedral.
9. Former German military supply installations which are now used by the Polish Army as clothing and ration supply depots were located about 1 km from the main station of Lublin, on both sides of the railroad line to Chelm (S 52/R 76).
10. In addition to army units, WOP (Border Guard Corps) troops were seen in Lublin.

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* ☐ Comment. The Hq WOP Brig is probably located in Luban.

** ☐ Comment. The report confirms previous information on the Luftwaffen Kaserne and the barracks installation on ul. Igo Maja in Bydgoszcz. An air force officers' school was said to have been in the Luftwaffen Kaserne in September 1950. ☐ A motorized artillery unit previously reported to be in the barracks installation on the west side of ul. Igo Maja, the so-called Artillerie Kaserne, is believed to be the AAA unit mentioned in the present report. ☐ Bydgoszcz has been known to be a post of AAA troops since June 1949. The infantrymen mentioned in the present report were probably quartered in the barracks installation north of the Artillerie Kaserne, where infantrymen were previously observed.

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☐ The engineer officers' school mentioned in the present report is believed to be the former German officer candidate school which is located opposite the Artillerie Kaserne and was previously reported to house an officers' school.

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